

The Peace of Wild Things Student Essay Check List

Directions: You may use this check list as you revise and edit your reflective essay draft.

Introduction

1. Do you open your introduction with an effective hook?
2. Do you transition or bridge effectively from your hook to your thesis statement?
3. Do you respond directly to the writing prompt in a clear, complete thesis statement?
4. Is your thesis statement precise, limited, unified, and valuable?

Body Paragraphs

1. Do you open each body paragraph with a clear topic sentence that is logically related to your thesis idea?
2. Do you use strong evidence—both text and personal—to support each topic sentence?
3. Do you explain, or justify, how each piece of evidence supports or “proves” what you said in your topic sentence?
4. Do you effectively transition to the next paragraph?
5. Have you included at least 3 body paragraphs in your reflective essay?

Conclusion

1. Do you open your conclusion by restating your thesis statement?
2. Do you offer your reader some valuable, final considerations?

Language

1. Have you proofread to correct errors in punctuation, spelling, capitalization, usage, sentence structure, and grammar?
2. Have you consciously used transitions to move smoothly and effectively within and between your paragraphs?
3. Have you consciously used the relevant domain-specific words we have used throughout the unit?